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- 1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTEL A.
- 2. WITH RESPECT REFTEL B, WISH POINT OUT I CALLED ON NTAG PRIOR MAY CONSULTATIONS AND AFTER RETURN. DCM SAW HIM ON AUGUST 7 AS FOLLOW UP WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS AND FOUND OUT NTANG GOING CANADA SEPTEMBER IN ORDER SIGN AGREEMENT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND FRENCH CURRENTLY EXAMINING POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY. LIST EQUIPMENT NEEDS ALSO OBTAINED WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL NEXT WEEK FOR COMMERCE AND EXIM BANK.
- 3. ALSO APPARENTLY SOME CONFUSTION AS NTANG PDG REGIEFERCAM, WHICH DOUALA BASED RAILROAD OPERATOR, WHILE TRANSCAMEROUNAISE SEPARATE ORGANIZATION LOCATED YAOUNDE AND CHARGED WITH PHASE III EXECUTION. HOPEFULLY APPOINTMENT SINGLE CONTACT POINT PURSUANT MY CONVERSATIONS PRESIDENT AHIDJO AND SECRETARY GENERAL EBOUA (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ) WILL HELP OVERCOME CONFUSION.

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RM FINALLY, I MUST ADD THAT HOST GOVERNMENT HAS BY-PASSED

WORLD BANK ON NUMBER IMPORTANT PROJECTS TO WHICH IT ATTACHED HIGH PRIORITY DUE TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER BANK'S TENDENCY STUDY PROJECTS TO DEATH BEFORE REACHING DECISION. WHILE THIS ADMITTEDLY LUDICROUS, GIVEN CAMEROONIAN PENCHANT FOR COMPLETE DOSSIERS, I WOULD HOPE MY GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT FALL INTO BUREAUCRATIC TRAP OF TYING ANY CONSIDERATION OF WHAT PRESIDENT HAS TOLD ME REPEATEDLY IN HIS TOP PRIORITY PROJECT TO CONSTANTLY RECEDING WORLD BANK DEADLINES. SPIRO

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